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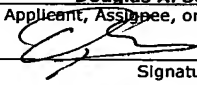


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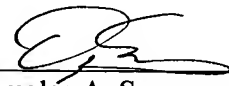
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**REQUEST FOR STATUS OF PENDING APPLICATION**

Although this application was filed on February 6, 2004, the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) database indicates that as of November 4, 2005, a first Office Action has not been issued for this case.

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